under consideration. The request of the student will be considered thereafter.

Internship of BHMS Students in CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries

1687. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to allow some BHMS students to undertake internship training in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensaries has been recommended and approved by the competent authorities in his Ministry.

(b) if so, the reasons why its implementation is being deliberately delayed on one or the other ground; and

(c) if not, the reasons why some BHMS student who made such a request in first week of August have not so far been intimated of the decision taken on their representation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The proposal for allowing internship in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensaries is under consideration.

Import of Copper T From U.S. Firm

1688. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire consignment of copper T 200 Bs imported by Government from U.S. was found to be defective;

(b) whether an earlier consignment of copper T imported from the same firm was also found sub-standard and below the specifications laid down;

(c) if so, what is the cost involved in terms of foreign exchange;

(d) what are the terms and conditions of any, laid down for the import of copper T 200 Bs from the American firm; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government for the supply of sub-standard copper T 200 Bs by the American firm?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Components of copper Ts were received by Hindustan Latex Limited, Thiruvananthapuram from the firm as commodity assistance by UNFPA. Some of these components on test in India did not conform to the US-FDA approved Population Council standards and, therefore, could not be used.

(c) Since the supplies were received as commodity assistance, no outgo of foreign exchange was involved.

(d) The agreement between Hindustan Latex Ltd. and the American firm provided that all components should meet the US-FDA approved Population Council Standards.

(e) The Government appointed a Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Drugs Controller (India). The Committee had the components re-tested and those conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards have been recommended for use in the National Family Welfare Programme.

Victims of Burns

1689. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Times of India dated 30.8.93 captioning 90 per cent burns victims denied admission;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Doctors in the Government hospitals have been instructed not to admit any female patient who have received over 45 per cent burns;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(d) what steps are being taken to